FRINTON & WALTON
URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the
Medical Officer of Health
and
Chief Public Health Inspector
for 1969

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Frinton and Walton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the state of Public Health in the Urban District of Frinton and Walton for the year 1969. The Report includes that of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the same period. The state of Public Health in the District remains satisfactory as in the previous year.

The corrected birth rate remains at around the same level as in the previous year at 15.1 compared with the National figure of 16.3. The number of live births was 125 exactly the same as in the previous year, and again only one infant death. The number of illegitimate births increased by 3 to a total of 14. The corrected death rate at 11.5 remains much the same as before, compared with the National rate of 11.9. Consideration of the tables giving causes of death shows that deaths from all forms of Cancer numbered 36, a decrease of 4 from the previous year and includes 8 cases of Lung Cancer. There was one death from Tuberculosis. There were also 85 deaths from Heart Disease and 52 from Cerebral Haemorrhage, the latter showing an increase from the previous year of 13.

The incidence of infectious disease remains low with only 13 cases of Measles and one case of Food Poisoning.

The number of children attending the County Clinics for immunisation amounted to 798 which includes 349 injections against Diphtheria, Pertussus and Tetanus, 319 against Poliomyelitis, 114 against Measles and 31 vaccinations against Smallpox. The number is less than last year owing to some of this work being taken over by General Practitioners, particularly vaccination against Smallpox.

The water supply remains satisfactory as in previous years both in quality and quantity. The amount supplied

remains almost identical to last year at about 230 million gallons. The precise figures and details of the analyses carried out are given elsewhere in the Report.

Progress continues to be made with the various sewage schemes and the new Pumping Station at Walton came into operation in June, which obviates the discharge of crude sewage into the sea. It is hoped that the schemes for the whole area will be completed early in 1970.

The increasing amount of legislation has resulted in a considerable addition to the work carried out by the Public Health Staff. This is particularly felt during the holiday season.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the Council, the Public Health Committee, and Officers of the Council for their co-operation and support during the year, and to the Staff of the Public Health Department my thanks for their excellent work.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. A. STENHOUSE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District of	Frinton and Walton
Area in Acres	6,293
Population:	
1961 Census	9,571
1968 Registrar General's Estimate	12,060
Density of estimated population per acre	1.91
Rateable value	£644,000
Sum represented by a penny rate	£2,559
Number of inhabited dwellings (estimate)	5,690
Total live births	125
Birth rate, crude (per 1,000 home population)	10.4
Birth rate, corrected	15.1
Birth rate (England and Wales)	16.3
Number of illegitimate births	14
Total still births	1
Still birth rate	8.0
Still birth rate (England and Wales)	13.0
Total deaths	247
Death rate, crude (per 1,000 home population)	20.5
Death rate, corrected	11.5
Death rate (England and Wales)	11.9
Death of infants under 1 year of age	1
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	8.0
Infant mortality rate (England and Wales)	18.0
Infant mortality rate - legitimate	9.0
Infant mortality rate - illegitimate	-
Neo-natal mortality rate (Deaths under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births)	8.0
Early Neo-natal mortality rate (Deaths under 1 week of age per 1,000 live births)	-
Peri-natal mortality rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week of age per 1,000 total births)	8.0
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	-
Cancer	36
Deaths due to cancer of lung	8
Tuberculosis	1

LIVE BIRTHS DURING 1969

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	51	60	111
Illegitimate	8	6	14
	59	66	125

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING 1969

Under 4 weeks	1
4 weeks and under 1 year	-
1 and under 5 years	1
5 and under 15 years	-
15 and under 25 years	1
25 and under 35 years	-
35 and under 45 years	4
45 and under 55 years	3
55 and under 65 years	21
65 and under 75 years	76
75 and upwards	140
	247

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1969 (R.G.)

	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis	1	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
Cancer (all sites)	18	18	36
Diabetes Mellitus	2	3	5
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	1	2	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	2	2
Hypertensive Disease	-	4	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	36	35	71
Other forms of Heart Disease	8	6	14
Cerebrovascular Disease	21	31	52
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	5	11
Influenza	5	1	6
Pneumonia	6	4	10
Bronchitis and Emphysema	9	3	12
Asthma	2	-	2
Other diseases of Respiratory System	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	2	2
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	4	-	4
Other diseases, Genito-urinary System	1	2	3
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
All Other Accidents	-	3	3
	123	124	247

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Food Poisoning	1	-	-
Measles	13	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
	15	-	-

IMMUNISATIONS IN 1969

	Year of Birth	Primary Course	Re-inforcing Injections
TRIPLE (DPT)	1966-69	69	94
	1962-65	2	33
	Others under 16 years	-	4
DIP/TET	1966-69	-	27
	1962-65	-	81
	Others under 16 years	-	7
DIPHTHERIA	Others under 16 years	1	1
TETANUS	1966-69	4	-
	1962-65	3	-
	Others under 16 years	13	1
POLIOMYELITIS	1966-69	100	72
	1962-65	6	117
	Others under 16 years	2	22
MEASLES	1966-69	53	-
	1962-65	13	-
	Others under 16 years	48	-

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

	Primary	Re-vaccination
Age 0 - 5 years	25	-
5 - 15 years	-	4
15 and over	-	2

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of Tuberculosis was notified, and one death occurred during the year 1969.

Notifications and Deaths from Tuberculosis since 1966:-

Year	New Cases	Death
1966	1	1
1967	1	1
1968	-	-
1969	1	1

The following figures give the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1969:-

Respiratory Male	18	Non-Respiratory Male	-
Respiratory Female	10	Non-Respiratory Female	-
	28		-

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

During the year, a sporadic case of suspected Food Poisoning was notified, investigated and subsequently confirmed. Investigations were carried out in respect of two other suspected cases, which were not confirmed as food poisoning.

Laboratory examinations of faeces specimens - 9; positive - 2; negative - 7.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No formal action was necessary under the above Acts. Informally, domestic assistance was arranged for three aged persons who were found to need help, and for regular visits by Health Visitors to four elderly persons living alone.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF WATER, FOOD, ETC.

(a) WATER

	Bacteriological Examination Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company's Supply	4	-
Kirby-le-Soken Supply	4	-
Private Wells	2	-

(b) ICE-CREAM

	Ministry of Health - Provisional Grading Grade I	Grade II
Samples	8	1

(c) FOOD

	Bacteriological Examination Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pork Pies	2	-
Dairy Cream	2	-
Fresh Cream	2	-
Artificial Cream	1	-
Cream Confectionery	8	-
Lollies, Iced	3	-

(d) MILK

	Bacteriological Examination Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Milk	6	-
Machine Washed Bottles	3	-

WATER SUPPLY

Practically the whole of the water supplied to the Urban District was obtained from the Dedham Pumping Station of the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company, with some assistance from the Company's subsidiary sources at Lawford, Stratford St. Mary and Higham.

The quantity of water supplied to the Frinton and Walton district in the 12 months ended 31st December, 1969, amounted to 230.216 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.631 million gallons, with a peak of 0.909 million gallons per day.

The total quantity taken for domestic purposes during the year was 192.680 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.528 million gallons. The total amount taken through trade meters was 37.536 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.103 million gallons.

The total number of connections (domestic and trade) made in the year to the Company's mains in the Urban District, amounted to 92.

Approximately 1,892 yards of new mains of 2", 3", 4", 6", 9" and 12" diameter have been laid in the Frinton and Walton district during the year.

Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company
Dedham Works - Water Analyses
Chemical Results in Parts per Million

		1969	
		Maximum	Minimum
Colour		7	-
pH		7.7	7.3
Electric Conductivity		900	850
Chlorine present as Chloride		150	110
Hardness	Total	300	285
	Carbonate	270	255
	Non-Carbonate	35	20
Nitrate Nitrogen		0.4	0.0
Ammonical Nitrogen		0.53	0.25
Albuminoid Nitrogen		0.02	0.0
Metals	(Iron)	0.24	0.04
Turbidity		3	Nil
Odour		faint	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide		22	10

	Maximum	Minimum
Total Solids	650	550
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	270	255
Nitrite Nitrogen	approx. 0.01	Absent
Permanganate Value	0.40	0.00
Residual chlorine	0.25	Absent

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

		1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20°C.
Number of Colonies developing on Agar	Minimum	0 per ml.	1 per ml.	3 per ml.
	Maximum	0 per ml.	0 per ml.	0 per ml.

	Present in	Absent from	Probable Number
Presumptive Coliaerogenes Reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.
Bact. coli (Type 1)	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	

REMARKS

These samples are practically clear and bright in appearance, have a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and are free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality and bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a water which is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes.

All samples were analysed by the Counties Public Health Laboratories.

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The Kirby-le-Soken water supply continues to provide water satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

The source of this private supply, is an underground spring and the water is piped from a collecting point to seven

standpipes in the main street of the Village. Maintenance of pipelines and standpipes is undertaken by Trustee's.

Domestic well water supplies were kept under observation throughout the year.

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The approximate number of dwelling-houses supplied by public mains is:-

		Houses	Population (est.)
a)	Direct to houses	5,660	11,990
b)	Standpipes	30	70

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1969:-

Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts)	1,320
Other Inspections	1,996
Informal Notices served, written and verbal	91
Informal Notices complied with, including Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1968	112
Formal Notices served	4
Formal Notices complied with	4

The following are the Principal Improvements obtained:-

HOUSING

Roofs repaired	6
Gutters and spouting, repaired or renewed	3
Floors repaired	2
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	9
Windows repaired	5
Windows renewed	2
Rooms cleansed and decorated	10
Plumbing repairs	9
Kitchen sinks renewed	4
Larder improvements	3

DRAINAGE

Drainage systems repaired or improved	15
Drainage systems unblocked and cleansed	51
Cesspits emptied and cleansed	168

Cesspits emptied and cleansed	168
Cesspits abandoned	14
Sewer connections	14

REFUSE RECEPTACLES

Defective refuse receptacles renewed	31
Paper Sack holders provided, new dwellings	126

NUISANCES

Insect nuisances abated	72
Rooms fumigated	8
Rubbish accumulations removed	81
Offensive accumulations removed	5
Smoke nuisances abated	2
Ditches cleansed and graded	220 yards
Overgrown land cleared	3

FOOD PREMISES

Kitchen modernized	1
Wall, ceiling and floor improvements	13
Rooms redecorated	23
Room lighting improved	2
Ventilation otherwise improved	6
Walls tiled	4
Floors resurfaced	2
Modern food equipment provided	7
First-aid Kits renewed	5
Miscellaneous improvements	22

OFFICES AND SHOPS

Provision of

Gas or electric heaters	3
Improved ventilation	5
Improved lighting	7
Improved sanitary conveniences	14
Wash-hand basins	2
Hot water supplies	5
Clothing accommodation	1
Thermometers	3
Machinery Guards	2
Abstract of Act	7
Other improvements	9

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Visits by Public Health Inspectors, est.	131
Visits by Rodent Operator, est.	1,001
Properties inspected	476
Properties treated	363
Overgrown Plots treated	6
Sewer maintenance treatments	3
Other Council Undertakings treated	11

CLOSETS

W.C. accommodation cleansed and decorated	13
W.C. accommodation repaired and improved	9
New sanitary fittings provided	4
Caravan Sites, miscellaneous improvements	14

WATER SUPPLY

Additional storage tanks provided	7
Defective storage tanks renewed	3
New fittings provided	5

RIVERS AND STREAM POLLUTION

The existing overloaded sewage works at Kirby-le-Soken, including an unsatisfactory overflow arrangement which for many years has caused pollution of the Kirby Stream, will be taken out of commission during the Spring of 1970 when contract works are completed in the provision on the site of a pumping station carrying sewage to new Disposal Works at Walton-on-the-Naze. No further pollution of Kirby stream should then occur.

HOUSEBOATS

Clearance of the remaining 8 houseboats, all of which are old and in poor condition, from Walton-on-the-Naze is expected by 30th. September, 1970, when the Basin in which the vessels are moored is to be converted to other use by the owners.

MOSQUITO DESTRUCTION

No action was found necessary during 1969 in the treatment of mosquito breeding areas.

PORT SANITATION

No action was necessary under the Port Sanitary Regulations.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Premises registered 1.

CARAVAN SITES

Satisfactory conditions were maintained, and no problems arose during 1969, on the 7 licensed seasonal caravan sites of which 6 sites are in Walton-on-the-Naze and 1 in Kirby-le-Soken. All the sites have mains water, main drainage and modern facilities. Conditions of licence are complied with and Operators co-operate in the maintenance of good site conditions. A total of 1,554 caravans are accommodated on sites.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registrations:-

Offices	30	employing 372 female and 215 male persons.
Retail Shops	102	
Wholesale Shops	2	
Catering Establishments	13	
General Inspections	167	
Improvements	Listed on Page 12.	

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The new pumping station at Walton and the sewage disposal works at the Naze, came into operation in June and the discharge of crude sewage to the sea at Walton-on-the-Naze ceased for all times except in periods of very heavy rainfall, when screened storm sewage is discharged through the East Terrace overflows.

Contract works for the provision of punping stations at Frinton-on-Sea and Kirby-le-Soken continued but were not completed at the end of the year. It is expected that the works will be completed in the Spring of 1970, when the Kirby-le-Soken and Great Holland Sewage Disposal Works will be taken out of operation, and the discharge of crude sewage to sea through the Frinton outfall will cease, except in times of storm and after passing through stilling ponds.

BATHING POOLS

There are two private bathing pools in the area, one each at the Lawn Tennis Club, Frinton-on-Sea and the Martello Caravan Site, Walton-on-the-Naze. Both pools are kept under observation when in use during the summer months, and residual chlorine tests made frequently. The waters are examined by the Laboratory from time to time and satisfactory bacteriological findings were reported on 30 samples taken from both pools during 1969.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are 16 public conveniences, with provision for both sexes, in the area. In addition to wash and brush-up services at the principal Conveniences, free hand-washing facilities have been made available at all Lavatories. The recruitment of sufficient numbers of male and female cleaning staff for employment during the summer, remained a problem during 1969.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957.

Licensed Waste Food Boiling Plant Operator	1

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The Urban District is almost entirely free of any form of air pollution. There are only two factories, both in Walton-on-the-Naze, and boiler chimneys have been provided with efficient dust and grit arresters.

HOUSING

Inspection

Number of houses inspected for housing defects under Housing or Public Health Acts	82

Housing Acts

Unfit house demolished	1
Unfit flats closed by arrangement	7
House rehabilitated	1
Houses inspected for overcrowding or permitted numbers	9

Repairs

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied as a result of informal action under Housing or Public Health Acts	31

IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS

Financial grants made available to owners for carrying out approved improvement/conversion work to older type houses, including -

Discretionary Grants	7
Standard Grants	11

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING 1969.

	Commenced	Completed
By the Council	-	-
By Private Enterprise	135	116

COUNCIL DWELLINGS

No new dwellings were built during 1969, but at the end of the year plans were in preparation for the provision on the Bemerton Gardens Housing Estate of 16 further Flats for elderly persons.

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The appended table shows the number and location of Council dwellings at the end of 1970.

	Houses		Maisonettes	
	3 B.R.	2 B.R.	3 B.R.	2 B.R.
Frinton-on-Sea	16	-	-	-
Walton-on-the-Naze	103	1	17	21
Kirby Cross	68	-	-	-
Lower Kirby	24	-	-	-
Great Holland	22	-	-	-
	233	1	17	21

	Bungalows		Flats		Bed/Sitting
	2 B.R.	1 B.R.	2 B.R.	1 B.R.	Room Flats
Frinton-on-Sea	-	-	-	-	-
Walton-on-the-Naze	8	2	7	37	29
Kirby Cross	2	6	4	-	-
Lower Kirby	-	-	-	-	-
Great Holland	4	-	8	-	-
	14	8	19	37	29

Total Dwelling Units - 379.

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Council dwelling units erected since 1946 - 285.

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It was possible during the year to secure the release from under-occupation of 3 x three-bedroom houses, which were subsequently allocated to family applicants on the Tenancy Waiting Lists. Some 38 three-bedroom houses remained under-occupied at the close of the year.

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The programme for the modernization of older type Council houses, by the provision of standard amenities, was continued during 1969.

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40 bungalows for elderly persons in Clays Road and Thorns Close on the Farmlands Estate, Walton-on-the-Naze, are managed by the Council on behalf of the Greater London Council. No difficulties arose during the year under review.

HOUSING WAITING LIST

During 1969, 16 families on the Waiting list were re-housed in three-bedroom dwellings, 7 families in two-bedroom dwellings and 7 elderly couples and single persons in one-bedroom Flats and bed-sitting room Flatlets. Included in these figures are 4 tenancy exchanges. In addition, 5 tenancy transfers were necessary.

At December 31st. 1969, there were 120 applicants for Council small dwellings and 72 applicants for Council houses, on the Waiting Lists. Both Lists were inflated to some extent by the inclusion of applicants not considered to be in urgent re-housing need.

FOOD

FOOD PREMISES

The following table sets out the number of food premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960. All the premises are fitted in compliance with the Regulations.

Premises	Number	Inspections
Grocers and Provision Merchants	33	52
Restaurants and Cafes	34	101
Hotels and Guest Houses	27	17
Seasonal Refreshment Kiosks	13	27
School Canteens	5	5
Workshop Canteens	1	1
Clubs, etc.	11	4
Butchers	10	84
Bakeries and Cake Shops	12	73
Wet Fish Shops	5	11
Fried Fish Shops	3	11
Milk Shops	9	16
Food Hawkers	9	7
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	16	12
Confectioners	17	29
Licensed Premises	14	8
	219	458

REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREPARATION PREMISES

Food preparation premises registered with the Council:-

Ice-cream, sale only	89
Shell-fish, preparation	3
Fried Fish Shops	3
Sausage and Preserved Meats, preparation	23

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Foodstuffs condemned as unfit for human consumption, and destroyed:-

Fruit	...	20 tins.
Meat	...	36 lbs.
Meat and Meat Products		47 packets.
Fish	...	101 lbs.
Fish Products	...	133 packets.
Beverages	...	12 Bottles.
Ice-Cream	...	179 packets.
Miscellaneous Foods	...	56 packets.

The bulk of butchers meat sold by local Retailers, is obtained from Wholesale Suppliers. There are no slaughter-houses in the District. The Council's Public Health Inspectors make routine inspections of all meat and meat products stored and exposed for sale locally. It was necessary during the year to condemn as unfit for consumption, only a small quantity of meat.

MILK SUPPLY

Milk is supplied by Dairy Companies having premises, other than local storage depots, outside the area. There were 16 registered distributors of milk on the Register, at the end of the year.

ICE-CREAM

Manufacturers of Ice-Cream	nil
Vendors of Ice-Cream	89

BAKEHOUSES

Regular visits of inspection are made to the 5 registered Bakehouses. As reported previously, there is an increasing need for the provision, in less congested areas, of larger premises provided with ample room for accommodating plant and all the miscellaneous equipment employed in modern bakery practice, as well as generous staff working space, to replace bakeries in which the congested conditions obtaining are interfering with the maintenance of a good standard of food hygiene.

FOOD HYGIENE

No opportunity is lost, during inspections, in emphasizing to managements and explaining to food handlers the necessity of maintaining a high standard of hygiene in catering establishments and all types of food shops.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION

Three modern rear-loading refuse collection vehicles are engaged in the regular weekly removal of domestic and other refuse. An additional vehicle is brought into use during the summer months in the provision of special refuse collections from Hotels, Boarding Houses, Restaurants and Caravan Sites. Trade Refuse is removed from business premises by arrangement with Managements.

An ever-increasing volume of refuse is put out for collection, resulting from an expanding population and an increased refuse output per head. In addition, less refuse is disposed of in homes as domestic boilers and open fires are steadily being replaced by forms of central heating. The quantity of refuse dealt with during 1969, was approximately 37,600 cubic yards.

Income from all refuse collection and disposal sources amounted to £1,194.

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The number of premises at which paper sacks are in use for storing refuse is increasing, and at the end of the year at least 750 dwellings were employing sacks as well as a number of other premises including hotels and other catering establishments. Sack holders are provided by householders. Sacks to service the holders are provided by the Council.

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Householders made good use of the Council's Refuse Disposal Site at Kirby-le-Soken, for the free disposal facilities facilities offered for reject furniture and large articles of household equipment. Many householders used their own transport for the purpose. Others employed Council transport on private works orders.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

At the close of the year, negotiations were nearing completion for the leasing to the Council of approximately 7¼ acres of land as an extension to the Refuse Disposal Site in Malting Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. The land, which lies immediately adjacent to the existing Disposal Site, is low-lying and very suitable in every way for the disposal of refuse. If negotiations for the additional land are satisfactorily concluded, it is anticipated that the future for refuse disposal will be secure for at least 10 years provided existing methods of disposal are permitted to continue.

Rodents are controlled on Refuse Disposal land by poisoning campaigns, and anti-fly and insect measures are undertaken regularly.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967.

During 1969, action was taken in respect of 39 abandoned or unwanted motor cars. Contractors removed 26 of the vehicles by arrangement with the Council, owner's removed 8 cars following informal action, and 5 cars were destroyed at the Refuse Disposal Site. For abandoning cars and failing to comply with informal notice, the owners of 2 cars were successfully prosecuted by the Council in pursuant of Section 19 (1) of the Act.

STREET SCAVENGING.

The cleansing of County and District Roads is carried out by Lacre Mechanical Sweeping Vehicle, and some hand sweeping. The machine has achieved a good standard of carriageway cleansing throughout the area. Street gully cleansing is carried out regularly by mechanical means.

WEATHER.

Sunshine	-	1701.6 hours.
Rainfall	-	25.91 inches.

FACTORIES

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	15	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	61	35	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	2	-	-
Totals:	85	52	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	4	4	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	6	6	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

SECTIONS 133 and 134

Section 133				Section 134
Nature of work (1)	Number of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	2	-	-	-

The premises were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.